



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Contract Award for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) \$375,315 Annual Cost  
MEETING DATE: July 2, 1997  
SUBMITTED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution awarding the contract for Tree Trimming (power line clearing) to the low bidder, Asplundh Tree Expert Co. of Rocklin, CA at an annual cost of \$375,315, (evaluated cost of \$132,245 per hour).

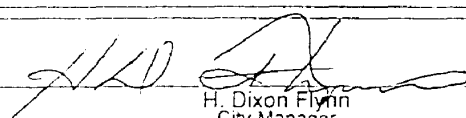
BACKGROUND: The Electric Utility Department has utilized a tree trimming contractor for its line clearing requirements since November 1988. The current contract was awarded by the City Council on June 2, 1993 for a one-year period with an option to extend yearly thereafter, at the City's sole discretion for a maximum of three additional years. The extension option will be exhausted at the end of the current fiscal year. To maintain continuity of the line clearing program, a new contract needs to be in place at the beginning of the 1997-98 fiscal year. This contract, like the current one, has provisions for yearly extensions up to a maximum of three years.

This contract will provide the City with two three-person (backyard) crews for twelve months and one two-person (street) crew for twelve months, including vehicles, equipment and other expenses for the three crews. This level of activity represents an effort to maintain the 130+ circuit miles of overhead lines clear of growth in accordance with the new *Eighteen Inch Rule* mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission. Under this provision, the Electric Utility Department will seek council approval to extend the second climbing crew for the 1998-99 fiscal year.


The specifications for this contract were approved on June 4, 1997 with bid opening on June 18, 1997. The three bids received are shown below. For evaluation purposes, 90% of the "backyard" crew hourly rate was added to 35% of the "street" crew hourly rate as specified in the bidding documents.

Bidder	First Backyard Crew	Second Backyard Crew	Street Crew	Evaluated Cost
Asplundh Tree Expert Rocklin, CA	62.81	62.81	54.82	132.245 per hour
Arbor Tree Surgery Paso Robles, CA	65.12	65.12	47.27	133.761 per hour
Davey Tree Surgery Co. Livermore, CA	71.52	71.52	62.26	150.527 per hour

Approved

  
H. Dixon Flynn  
City Manager

FUNDING: The estimated cost of this contract is \$375,315. The budgeted amount of \$379,300 is included in the Department's 1997-98 fiscal year budget. Funding for extensions of the contract will be budgeted on a year-to-year basis.



Alan N. Vallow  
Electric Utility Director

Funding Approval:



Vicky McAthie  
Finance Director

Prepared by Carl Lindstrom, Electric Utility Superintendent  
ANV/CL/lst

cc: City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 97-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AWARDING  
CONTRACT FOR TREE TRIMMING  
(POWER LINE CLEARING)

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WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council sealed bids were received and publicly opened on June 18, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing), described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on June 4, 1997; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as follows:

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WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends award of contract for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing), be made to the low bidder, Asplundh Tree Expert Co., of Rocklin, California; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that the award of the contract for the Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) be and the same is hereby awarded to the low bidder, Asplundh Tree Expert Co., of Rocklin, California in the annual amount of \$375,315.00.

Dated: July 2, 1997

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-91 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held July 2, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ALICE M. REIMCHE  
Acting City Clerk